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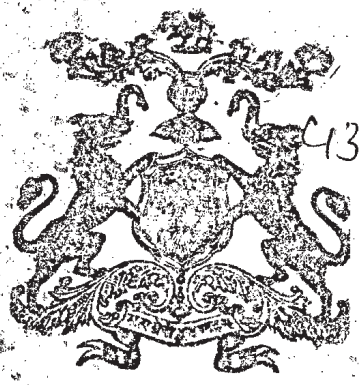

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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Temporary Nirsaradi.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 6041-50—L. R. 152-11-3, dated 5th February 1914, directing that the practice of granting applications for the use of Government water for one year only in years of plentiful rainfall when tanks generally receive a greater supply than is required for the irrigation of the existing atchkat, in accordance with the Revenue Commissioner's Circular No. 12934-12941, dated 17th May 1912, be continued, and that in such cases the temporary water rate be fixed by the Deputy Commissioners.

2. Subject No. 15 of the proceedings of the Representative Assembly of October 1920, representing that under the existing system of granting temporary nirsardi not only much inconvenience is caused to the owners of wet lands under the tank, but that the holder of dry land who obtains the temporary use of water, has an advantage over the wet landholders in that he raises wet crops but does not share in the responsibility of the latter in doing the annual maintenance work to the tank.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 42, dated 3rd November 1921, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, furnishing his views in the matter.

ORDER No. R. 4728-37—L. R. 330-20-61, DATED 14TH MARCH 1922.

The Revenue Commissioner is of opinion that by the recovery of only the difference between the dry and wet assessment as water-rate from the applicant who obtains permission for the temporary use of the tank water, he is placed in a position of advantage over the occupants of the atchkat under the tank, inasmuch as the former, while raising wet crop though temporarily, in the year of plentiful rainfall does not equally share with the wet landholders the responsibility of maintaining the tank. He therefore recommends that in the case of dry lands for which water is made available for one year only in accordance with the Government order read above, the temporary water rate may be fixed at twice the difference between the dry assessment of such lands and the wet assessment of wet lands in the vicinity.

2. Government agree with the Revenue Commissioner and direct that the temporary water-rate leviable under the Government Order read above be fixed at double the difference between the dry assessment per acre of the land for which water is made use of, and the wet assessment per acre on the neighbouring wet lands.

3. Special care should be taken to guard the interests of the occupants under the atchkat by restricting the grant of permission to the temporary use of water, only in exceptional cases, after carefully ascertaining that the supply of water in the tanks is more than what is required for the irrigation of the wet lands thereunder.

4. The local officers should also see that no scope is afforded to the applicant for surreptitious use of Government water from year to year, and when cases of such surreptitious use of Government water are discovered, the delinquents should be severely dealt with so as to have a deterrent effect on others.

5. If, however, it is in any case considered desirable to continue the temporary water-rate for more than one year, the Public Works Department should be consulted. If it is certified by that Department, after actual calculations made at the time, that the additional demand for water could be safely met even in a year of normal rainfall, the permission may be continued. If, during the next five years successively there is no complaint from the holders of the atchkat lands, and the temporary kursardidar applies for the supply of water being made permanent, then steps should be taken to convert the land into wet or garden as the case may be, in consultation with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlement.

C. VENKATA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Large Landed Estates.

READ—

Subject No. 4 of abstract of discussions at the meeting of Deputy Commissioners and select Heads of Departments held at Mysore in October 1921, regarding the disposal of darkhasts, under ordinary rules, for land out of areas selected for being granted as Large Landed Estates.

ORDER NO. R. 485-63—L. R. 17-21-21, DATED 17TH MARCH 1922.

Government are pleased to direct that darkhasts, under the ordinary rules, for land out of areas selected for being granted as Large Landed Estates, should not be rejected summarily, in anticipation of its being taken up under the Large Landed Estate scheme, but should be disposed of on merits. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue necessary instructions in this behalf.

C. VENKATA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.